REMINDER TO ALL BOATERS NEW LAWS FOR THE 2008 BOATING SEASON





Life Jacket Requirement for Water-skiers:

46-22-12 Water skis and surfboards. – (a) No person shall operate a vessel on any waters of this state for towing a person or persons on water skis, or a surfboard, or similar device unless there is in the vessel a person at least twelve (12) years of age, in addition to the operator, in a position to observe the progress of the person or persons being towed. Any person or persons on water skis, a surfboard, a tube or similar device that is being towed behind a vessel on any waters of this state shall be required to wear a life jacket approved by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Child Life Jacket Requirement:

46-22-9.2 Flotation devices – **Children.** – Any person transporting a child under thirteen (13) years of age in a recreational vessel less than sixty-five (65) feet in length on the waters of this state shall require that the child wear a personal flotation device approved by the United States Coast Guard when underway, unless below deck or in a closed cabin.